

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

**CASE NO. 22-14054-CR-CANNON/MAYNARD**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**v.**

**DUSTIN SINGLETON,**

**Defendant.**

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**PLEA AGREEMENT**

The United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida ("this Office") and Dustin Singleton (hereinafter referred to as the "Defendant"), enter into the following agreement:

1. The Defendant agrees to plead guilty to Counts One and Three of the Indictment, which charge the defendant with possession with intent to distribute a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C) (Count One) and possession of a firearm as a convicted felon, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1) (Count Three).

2. The Defendant is aware that the sentence will be imposed by the Court after considering the advisory Federal Sentencing Guidelines and Policy Statements (hereinafter "Sentencing Guidelines"). The Defendant acknowledges and understands that the Court will compute an advisory sentence under the Sentencing Guidelines and that the applicable guidelines will be determined by the Court relying in part on the results of a pre-sentence investigation by the Court's probation office, which investigation will commence after the guilty plea has been entered.

The Defendant is also aware that, under certain circumstances, the Court may depart from the advisory sentencing guideline range that it has computed, and may raise or lower that advisory sentence under the Sentencing Guidelines. The Defendant is further aware and understands that the Court is required to consider the advisory guideline range determined under the Sentencing Guidelines, but is not bound to impose a sentence within that advisory range; the Court is permitted to tailor the ultimate sentence in light of other statutory concerns, and such sentence may be either more severe or less severe than the Sentencing Guidelines' advisory range. Knowing these facts, the Defendant understands and acknowledges that the Court has the authority to impose any sentence within and up to the statutory maximum authorized by law for the offenses identified in paragraph 1 and that the Defendant may not withdraw the plea solely as a result of the sentence imposed.

3. With respect to Count One of the Indictment, the Defendant understands and acknowledges that the Court may impose up to a statutory maximum term of 20 years' imprisonment, followed by a term of supervised release of at least 3 years up to lifetime supervised release. In addition to a term of imprisonment and supervised release, the Court may impose a fine of up to \$1,000,000 as to Count One of the Indictment, and may order forfeiture.

4. With respect to Count Three of the Indictment, the Defendant understands and acknowledges that the Court may impose a statutory maximum term of 10 years' imprisonment, followed by a term of supervised release of up to 3 years. In addition to a term of imprisonment and supervised release, the Court may impose a fine of up to \$250,000 as to Count Three of the Indictment, and may order forfeiture.

5. The Defendant further understands and acknowledges that, in addition to any sentence imposed under paragraphs 3 and 4 of this agreement, a special assessment in the amount

of \$200 will be imposed on the Defendant. The Defendant agrees that any special assessment imposed shall be paid at the time of sentencing. If the Defendant is financially unable to pay the special assessment, the Defendant agrees to present evidence to this Office and the Court at the time of sentencing as to the reasons for the Defendant's failure to pay.

6. This Office reserves the right to inform the Court and the probation office of all facts pertinent to the sentencing process, including all relevant information concerning the offenses committed, whether charged or not, as well as concerning the Defendant and the Defendant's background. Subject only to the express terms of any agreed-upon sentencing recommendations contained in this agreement, this Office further reserves the right to make any recommendation as to the quality and quantity of punishment.

7. This Office agrees that it will recommend at sentencing that the Court reduce by two levels the sentencing guideline level applicable to the Defendant's offenses, pursuant to Section 3E1.1(a) of the Sentencing Guidelines, based upon the Defendant's recognition and affirmative and timely acceptance of personal responsibility.

8. This Office and the Defendant agree that, although not binding on the probation office or the Court, they will jointly recommend that the Court impose **a total sentence of fifteen years' imprisonment, consisting of fifteen years on Count One and ten years on Count Three, to be served concurrently to each other.** The Defendant acknowledges that this recommendation will likely result in any upward variance from his advisory sentencing guideline range as calculated by the Court. The Defendant agrees that a total sentence of fifteen years' imprisonment is sufficient, but not greater than necessary, to satisfy the factors set forth in Title 18, United States Code, Section 3553(a), including the need to reflect the nature and circumstances and seriousness of the offense, the history and characteristics of the defendant, promote respect for

the law, provide just punishment, afford adequate specific and general deterrence, and protect the public from further crimes of the defendant.

9. This Office and the Defendant agree that, although not binding on the probation office or the Court, they will jointly recommend that the Court run any sentence imposed in this case concurrent to any sentence imposed in *United States v. Dustin Singleton*, 22-14048-CR-CANNON/MAYNARD (S.D. Fla.).

10. The Defendant agrees to abandon to the Martin County Sheriff's Office voluntarily and immediately all right, title, and interest to the following asset, which is currently in the possession of the Martin County Sheriff's Office:

- a. One (1) Smith & Wesson, .380 caliber pistol bearing serial number KHZ6660; and
- b. One (1) Glock type 9mm pistol built from a Polymer80 PF940C kit.

11. The Defendant is aware that the sentence has not yet been determined by the Court. The Defendant also is aware that any estimate of the probable sentencing range or sentence that the Defendant may receive, whether that estimate comes from the Defendant's attorney, this Office, or the probation office, is a prediction, not a promise, and is not binding on this Office, the probation office or the Court. The Defendant understands and acknowledges, as previously acknowledged in paragraph 2 above, that the Defendant may not withdraw his plea based upon the Court's decision not to accept a sentencing recommendation made by the Defendant, this Office, or a recommendation made jointly by the Defendant and this Office.

12. The Defendant is aware that Title 18, United States Code, Section 3742 and Title 28, United States Code, Section 1291 afford the Defendant the right to appeal the sentence imposed in this case. Acknowledging this, in exchange for the undertakings made by the United States in this plea agreement, the Defendant hereby waives all rights conferred by Sections 3742 and 1291



to appeal any sentence imposed, or to appeal the manner in which the sentence was imposed, unless the sentence exceeds the maximum permitted by statute. The Defendant further understands that nothing in this agreement shall affect the United States' right and/or duty to appeal as set forth in Title 18, United States Code, Section 3742(b) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 1291. However, if the United States appeals the Defendant's sentence pursuant to Sections 3742(b) and 1291, the Defendant shall be released from the above waiver of his right to appeal his sentence.

13. The Defendant further hereby waives all rights conferred by Title 28, United States Code, Section 1291 to assert any claim that (1) the statutes to which the Defendant is pleading guilty are unconstitutional; and/or (2) the admitted conduct does not fall within the scope of the statutes of conviction.

14. By signing this agreement, the Defendant acknowledges that the Defendant has discussed the appeal waiver set forth in this agreement with the Defendant's attorney. The Defendant further agrees, together with this Office, to request that the Court enter a specific finding that the Defendant's waiver of his right to appeal the sentence imposed in this case and his right to appeal his conviction in the manner described above was knowing and voluntary.

15. The Defendant acknowledges that he has fully discussed the matters of this plea agreement and his guilty plea pursuant thereto with his attorney, and that his attorney has answered each of his questions about the strength of the government's case as well as the following rights: to go to trial; to cross-examine the government's witnesses; to testify in his own behalf; to not be compelled to provide self-incriminating testimony; to call witnesses for the defense; and, to appeal any adverse verdict that may result from a trial. The Defendant further acknowledges that he is fully satisfied with the representations provided by his attorney.


16. This is the entire agreement and understanding between this Office and the Defendant. There are no other agreements, promises, representations, or understandings.

MARKENZY LAPOINTE  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

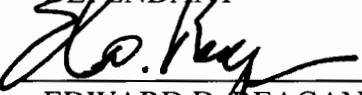
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